

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.

As correctly noted in the Office Action Summary, claims 1-3 were pending.

By the present response, claim 1 has been canceled. Thus, claims 2-3 remain pending.

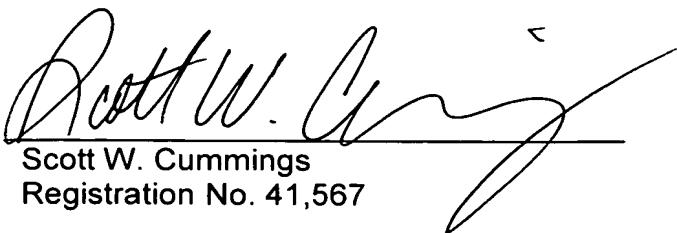
Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for the indication of the allowance of claims 2 and 3, and that this application is in condition for allowance except for the presence of claim 1 directed to an invention non-elected with traverse in the reply filed on July 14, 2006. Accordingly, by this Amendment, claim 1 has been canceled without prejudice to Applicants' right to pursue the claim, or the subject matter contained therein in a later-filed application. Because all of the remaining claims have been acknowledged by the Examiner as allowed, the present application is now in condition for allowance.

For the foregoing reasons, issuance of a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner have any questions regarding this response, Applicants' undersigned representative can be reached at the telephone number given below.

Respectfully submitted,

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